for promotion alongwith the Investigators to the cadre of Handicrafts Promotion Officer. Simultaneously, the quota for promotion to the post of Handicrafts Promotion Officer has been raised from 40% to 50%. As a result, the promotion prospects of investigators has not been disturbed adversely.

Setting up of a Joint Bank by India and USSR

3428. SHRI S. MADHAVAN : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a proposal to set up a joint bank with Soviet Union to facilitate trade between the two countries was considered in the meeting held with the Soviet Trade Minister recently; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU) : (a) and (b) No proposal to set up a Joint Bank between India and the Soviet Union is under consideration of the two Governments. A general suggestion of this nature was made by the Soviet side but no specific details were provided.

Report of India's Foreign Debt Received from Asian Development Bank

3429. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI :
KUMARI ALIA :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received detailed report from the Asian Development Bank regarding India's foreign debt;

(b) whether suggestions have been received from the Asian Development Bank for refurnishing certain data; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor and whether the required data have been furnished to the ADB ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Removal of M/s. Zaiwala and Company from the panel of Solicitors

3430. SHRI JAGESH DESAI :
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN :

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s. Zaiwala and Company, Solicitors who were working for Government of India in London for several years have been removed from Government panel; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and the same will be laid on the Table of the House.

Development of Tourism

3431. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) what are the details of funds allocated and actually utilised by the Central Government yearwise and Statewise during the last three years for the develoment of tourism;

(b) what are the ongoing tourist projects in Andhra Pradesh sponsored by the Central Government and how much has been invested in them during the above period; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to develop Amaravati and Nagarjunasagar in Andhra Pradesh with Japanese aid as Buddhist tourism Centres and also the details of other places to be so developed with Japanese aid ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SATYA PAL MALIK) : (a) Central financial assistance is extended to State Governments, project-wise which depends on merit and availability of funds. A statement indicating the amounts sanctioned and released to different States during last three years (1987-88 to 1989-90) is enclosed at annexure. [*See* Appendix CLV, Annexure No. 122].

(b) The list of these projects/schemes is enclosed at Annexure. [*See* Appendix CLV, Annexure No. 123]. During the last three years, an amount of Rs. 167.74 lakhs was released to the State Government of Andhra Pradesh for various new and on-going projects.

(c) No, Sir.